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In re Application of: ANTONACCI, Paul
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Serial No. 10/037,347
Group Art Unit: 3727
For: Side-Sealed Bag Having Label Section
and Method Of Production Therefor

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, and the Manual of Patent Examining Procedures § 609, the references listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08A are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the cited documents are enclosed.

In order to provide complete disclosure, Applicant respectfully notes that the present application is copending with Application No. 09/158,307, Open Mesh Bag, filed September 22, 1998. A copy of the copending application is enclosed herein.

Furthermore, Applicant has disclosed foreign patent FR 2584651-A1. Although Applicant believes that FR 2584651-A1 is not relevant to the patentability of Applicant's invention as disclosed in Patent Application Serial No. 10/037,347, Applicant has disclosed FR 2584651-A1 in order to comply with Applicant's duty of disclosure. Foreign Patent FR 2584651-A1 appears to disclose a bag having bands upon which advertisements or information is printed.

If for any reason the examiner considers this disclosure not to comply with the above-referenced requirements, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be contacted so that any deficiencies can be remedied.

This disclosure statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no other material information, as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a), exists.

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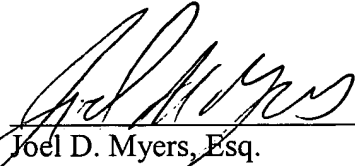
These documents are not necessarily analogous art.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by returning a copy of the attached form PTO/SB/08A with initials or other appropriate marks.

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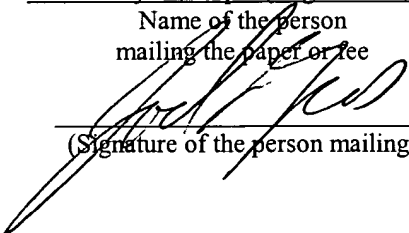
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